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(b) whether it is a fact that the aided schools are managed by the teachers also;

(c) whether the teacher-managers are also bound to pay Rs. 5 per mensem to their co-teachers over and above their salaries; if so, from what fund the Government expect the teacher-manager to pay the abovesaid amount;

(d) whether it is a fact that only 15 per cent of the total grant is allotted for managements for managing the elementary schools; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the management is strictly prohibited to meet the extra payment of the teachers from this allotment and are asked to account for this allotment spending it towards the building improvements, etc.?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" (a) Yes. It has been directed that secondary and higher grade trained teachers should be paid a sum of Rs. 5 by managements and Rs. 2 in the case of lower elementary grade teachers in addition to the grant paid by Government.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The managements can either collect or raise funds for that purpose.

" (d) & (e) A 15 per cent grant on salaries to teachers is given to managements for the upkeep of building, etc., in a separate grant in addition to the grant for teachers' salaries. This amount is expected to be utilized for the purpose for which it was given."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that even if the management utilized this 15 per cent that is allotted to them for the purpose of increasing the salary of teachers by Rs. 5, that is not enough ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Perhaps so, I am not quite sure."

Supply of oil engines.

* 214 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received by Government in each district, villagewar and talukwar, for supply of oil engines to ryots for purposes of irrigation in the years 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(b) number of oil engines supplied on such applications in each district, their horse-power and sale price;

(c) the number pending and the reason of the pendency together with the period of pendency;

(d) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor;

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(e) the number of oil engines on stock in the beginning of 1945–46; the number of oil engines imported into the Madras Presidency in 1945–46 and 1946–47 and the number of oil engines sold for irrigation purposes and the number sold for non-irrigation purposes;

(f) what steps the Government have taken to ascertain the number of oil engines needed in every district for irrigation and to supply the same on sale to ryots;

(g) what steps the Government have taken to supply the ryots with pumping sets and other materials needed to fit up a well with engine, electrical or oil;

(h) the number of oil engines on 30th June 1947 attached to wells for purposes of irrigation in each district, talukwar and villagewar, and whether their applications for oil to run the machines have been complied with in full or in part; and

(i) what measures the Government have taken to see that ryots get the requisite oil and other articles at controlled or reasonable prices, and whether the Government can assure that the ryots are getting the oil required?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) As the Engineering section of the Agricultural department was formed only in April 1946, the information relating to the year 1946–47 only is furnished districtwar in the statement [a] laid on the Table of the House. Talukdar or villagewar figures are not available.

" (c) & (d) The number of applications received by the Agricultural department is 1,738. About 650 applications were lodged either because the applicants did not accept the offer of oil engines or express their willingness to purchase the engines offered. Out of 977 applications now pending, the question of supplying oil engines to 400 applicants is under correspondence by the Director of Agriculture. The maximum period of pendency of the applications is about six or seven months.

" (e) No oil engines were imported by the Agricultural department during 1945–46. Ninety-nine oil engines were acquired by the department during 1946–47 through various sources, like Disposals, Southern Command, and certain private firms. Eighty-seven engines were sold by the department up to the end of August 1947. On the recommendation of the department, certain private firms sold 24 engines to agriculturists. All engines were sold for irrigation purposes only.

" (f) The needs of each district have not been ascertained. The Agricultural department is taking necessary action in this regard.

" (g) Since April 1946, the Agricultural department have been attending to the requirements of the ryots for oil engines,

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pumping sets, pipes and other accessories needed to fit them up to wells. The Agricultural department are not at present stocking electric motors. Proposals are under consideration to establish a central Agricultural Engineering Store and Servicing Centre at Madras, which when started, will cater to the needs of the ryots for electric motor pumpsets and other accessories.

"(h) The information in respect of oil engines is furnished district and talukwar in Statement II laid on the Table of the House. Villagewar figures are not available.

"(i) Arrangements have been made by the Agricultural department with the oil distributing firms for supply of oil to ryots at controlled rates. There have been no complaints so far about difficulty in procuring oil by ryots. The District Agricultural Officer, Anantapur, however, reported to the Director of Agriculture that some difficulty is met with in procuring high speed diesel oil and the Agricultural department has taken up the matter with the supplying firm. It is possible to arrange for the oil requirements of ryots for operating their engines with the co-operation of the oil companies. All cases where departmental assistance was sought for, have been rendered the necessary help."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Are the Government aware that several of these applicants find it very difficult to secure these oil engines unless they pay something extra?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"I am not aware. If the hon. Member has got such information, I would request him to pass it on to me."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government have fixed any price for any particular type of oil engine?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"No, Sir; at the actual cost we purchase we are selling."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—"As the number of applicants for oil engines is 1,738 and the number to whom the engines were offered is only 650, may I know what arrangements have been made for supplying the demand of the other applicants?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Of these 1,700 and odd applicants, each party wanted a particular type of engine which is not available in the market or with the Government. We have recently ordered 100 oil engines, and we are placing orders for more, and it depends on the United Kingdom and Canada to supply them."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—"May I know the number of oil engines imported into the Madras Presidency?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"None was imported; we import only this year."

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SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" In 1945–46 and 1946–47 none were imported in the Madras Presidency. Is it correct? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No oil engines were imported by the department."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Into the Presidency? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, the Department of Agricultural Engineering began only in 1946. There was no opportunity to import these in those years when there was no department."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" How many oil engines were imported into the Presidency altogether? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is an information which I have not collected."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" On that will depend whether irrigation requirements are supplied to the full extent and if not, I would like to know why it should be given for non-irrigation purposes? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Those figures are not available because I have only called for those figures after the Agricultural Engineering department began to work and the department was not working in those years."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I request the Hon. Minister now at least to call for those figures? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I shall call for the information and supply it, Sir."

Motion picture reels on agriculture.

* 215. Q.—SRI R. RAMAKRISHNIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that there are motion picture reels on Agriculture obtainable from " The Motion Picture Service ", Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture in America, if so, whether the Government propose to get them and carry on propaganda for the " Grow More Food Campaign? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The answers to both the points are in the affirmative."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* USE OF TEAR GAS ON THE STRIKERS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member, Farookhi Sahib Bahadur, has given notice of an adjournment motion about the use of tear gas and lathi charge yesterday. Has the Hon. Minister to state anything on the matter? "